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TABLE 1
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN AUGUST 1985

NOTE: These labor force data are supplied by the Department of Labor from their Current Population Survey.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)	AUGUST 1985	JULY 1985	JUNE 1985	AUGUST 1984
Total civilian labor force[a]	12,655	12,710	12,716	12,585
Total civilian employment	11,733	11,799	11,720	11,621
Total unemployment	922	911	996	964
Seasonally adjusted rate (percent)	7.3	7.2	7.8	7.7
Range[b]	6.7–7.9	6.6–7.8	7.2–8.4	7.1–8.3
U.S. seasonally adjusted rate	7.0	7.3	7.3	7.5
UNADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)				
Total civilian labor force[a]	12,802	12,877	12,763	12,729
Total civilian employment	11,869	11,884	11,799	11,770
Total unemployment	933	993	964	959
Unadjusted rate (percent)[c]	7.3	7.7	7.6	7.5
Range[b]	6.7–7.9	7.1–8.3	7.0–8.2	6.9–8.1

a/ Total labor force (and components) by place of residence and including workers involved in trade disputes. Employment includes self-employed, unpaid family and domestic workers.

b/ Range as shown is at the 90 percent level of confidence.

HIGHLIGHTS California's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for August 1985 was 7.3 percent. This is a 0.1 percentage point increase from last month but 0.4 percentage points below the rate in August 1984. After six months with an unemployment rate of 7.3 percent, the national seasonally adjusted civilian unemployment rate declined to 7.0 this month. During August in California, seasonally adjusted employment decreased by 66,000 while unemployment increased by 11,000.

During August 1985, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 19,900. The largest employment gain occurred in the manufacturing sector as a result of the usual seasonal increased employment in preserved fruits and vegetables. Employment in the construction industry increased by 9,300 during August 1985, to 486,700. During the last twelve months, since August of 1984, the total number of wage and salary jobs has increased by 241,800 — a growth rate of 2.3 percent. During July of this year, the average weekly earnings of production workers in manufacturing was $402.56 per week.

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TABLE 2
EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THE WORKING-AGE POPULATION IN CALIFORNIA[1/]

(Numbers in Thousands)

EMPLOYMENT STATUS	AUGUST 1985	JULY 1985	JUNE 1985	AUGUST 1984
Total				
Labor Force	12,802	12,877	12,763	12,729
Employed	11,869	11,844	11,799	11,770
Unemployed	933	993	964	959
Unemployment Rate	7.3	7.7	7.6	7.5
Male, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	6,731	6,744	6,805	6,735
Employed	6,310	6,338	6,365	6,265
Unemployed	421	406	441	471
Unemployment Rate	6.3	6.0	6.5	7.0
Female, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	5,216	5,153	5,231	5,082
Employed	4,862	4,816	4,869	4,726
Unemployed	354	337	362	355
Unemployment Rate	6.8	6.5	6.9	7.0
Both Sexes, Age 16–19				
Labor Force	854	981	727	912
Employed	696	730	565	779
Unemployed	158	250	162	133
Unemployment Rate	18.5	25.5	22.2	14.6
White				
Labor Force	10,869	10,922	10,895	10,811
Employed	10,111	10,146	10,084	10,063
Unemployed	759	777	811	748
Unemployment Rate	7.0	7.1	7.4	6.9
Nonwhite				
Labor Force	1,933	1,954	1,868	1,918
Employed	1,758	1,738	1,715	1,707
Unemployed	175	217	153	211
Unemployment Rate	9.0	11.1	8.2	11.0

1/ Data supplied by the Department of Labor from their current population survey. No comparable data available for areas within California.

TABLE 3
EARNINGS AND HOURS[a/] OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING IN CALIFORNIA

Area	Average weekly earnings			Average hours per week			Average hourly earnings		
	July 1985	June 1985	July 1984	July 1985	June 1985	July 1984	July 1985	June 1985	July 1984
California	$402.56	$407.43	$391.02	39.7	40.3	39.9	$10.14	$10.11	$9.80

a/ Average hours and earnings are based upon data for full-time and part-time production and related workers in manufacturing industries. Average gross weekly and hourly earnings include overtime pay and premium wages for late-shift work. Attention is directed to the fact that these are not wage rates but are averages of gross earnings.

TABLE 4
MONTHLY WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ANALYSIS FOR AUGUST PRELMINARY
EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS OF JOBS
—DATA NOT ADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY—

INDUSTRY TITLE	CURRENT MONTH AUGUST 85	PREVIOUS MONTH JULY 85	YEAR AGO AUGUST 84	NUMERICAL CHANGE		PERCENT CHANGE	
				MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR	MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR
Total Nonagricultural Employment	10,827.8	10,807.9	10,586.0	19.9	241.8	0.2	2.3
Mining	49.7	49.5	50.3	0.2	−0.6	0.4	−1.2
Metal Mining	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fuel Mining	41.4	41.2	42.0	0.2	−0.6	0.5	−1.4
Nonmetal Mining	6.7	6.7	6.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	486.7	477.4	466.4	9.3	20.3	1.9	4.4
General Building Contractors	131.6	128.4	124.9	3.2	6.7	2.5	5.4
Heavy Construction	63.4	61.9	67.2	1.5	−3.8	2.4	−5.7
Special Trade Contractors	291.7	287.1	274.3	4.6	17.4	1.6	6.3
Manufacturing	2,077.2	2,057.1	2,091.8	20.1	−14.6	1.0	−0.7
Nondurable Goods	662.0	642.8	670.3	19.2	−8.3	3.0	−1.2
Durable Goods	1,415.2	1,414.3	1,421.5	0.9	−6.3	0.1	−0.4
Food and Kindred	203.2	181.6	204.8	21.6	−1.6	11.9	−0.8
Canned, Cured, Frozen Sea Foods	5.7	5.6	5.8	0.1	−0.1	1.8	−1.7
Preserved Fruits and Vegetables	82.8	62.2	83.5	20.6	−0.7	33.1	−0.8
Other Food and Kindred Products	114.7	113.8	115.5	0.9	−0.8	0.8	−0.7
Textile Mill Products	14.0	14.1	14.0	−0.1	0.0	−0.7	0.0
Apparel and Other Textile Products	102.3	103.1	106.1	−0.8	−3.8	−0.8	−3.6
Paper and Allied Products	37.6	38.1	38.9	−0.5	−1.3	−1.3	−3.3
Printing and Publishing	139.6	140.0	136.4	−0.4	3.2	−0.3	2.3
Chemicals and Allied Products	63.5	63.7	64.1	−0.2	−0.6	−0.3	−0.9
Petroleum and Coal Products	28.3	28.5	30.0	−0.2	−1.7	−0.7	−5.7
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	64.7	65.1	67.8	−0.4	−3.1	−0.6	−4.6
Leather and Leather Products	8.8	8.6	8.2	0.2	0.6	2.3	7.3
Lumber & Wood Prod. exc. Furniture	56.7	56.4	57.1	0.3	−0.4	0.5	−0.7
Furniture and Fixtures	57.6	58.1	57.4	−0.5	0.2	−0.9	0.3
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	50.5	50.8	50.2	−0.3	0.3	−0.6	0.6
Primary Metal Industries	39.8	40.5	42.2	−0.7	−2.4	−1.7	−5.7
Fabricated Metal Products	139.3	140.3	145.2	−1.0	−5.9	−0.7	−4.1
Machinery except Electrical	232.8	233.2	240.4	−0.4	−7.6	−0.2	−3.2
Electrical Equipment and Supplies	401.1	399.1	402.3	2.0	−1.2	0.5	−0.3
Transportation Equipment	289.9	289.6	279.7	0.3	10.2	0.1	3.6
Motor Vehicles and Equipment	34.4	34.6	34.3	−0.2	0.1	−0.6	0.3
Aircraft and Parts	153.8	152.9	142.2	0.9	11.6	0.6	8.2
Ship & Boat Building & Repairing	16.6	17.0	19.1	−0.4	−2.5	−2.4	−13.1
Guided Miss., Space Vehicles Parts	73.9	73.5	72.7	0.4	1.2	0.5	1.7
Other Transportation Equipment	11.2	11.6	11.4	−0.4	−0.2	−3.4	−1.8
Instruments and Related Products	110.1	109.8	108.5	0.3	1.6	0.3	1.5
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	37.4	36.5	38.5	0.9	−1.1	2.5	−2.9
Transportation and Public Utilities	558.7	558.4	557.6	0.3	1.1	0.1	0.2
Transportation	318.7	318.1	312.8	0.6	5.9	0.2	1.9
Railroads	23.4	23.4	24.9	0.0	−1.5	0.0	−6.0
Trucking and Warehousing	128.0	131.5	126.4	−3.5	1.6	−2.7	1.3
Other Transportation	167.3	163.2	161.5	4.1	5.8	2.5	3.6
Communications	159.5	160.0	165.8	−0.5	−6.3	−0.3	−3.8
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	80.5	80.3	79.0	0.2	1.5	0.2	1.9
Wholesale Trade	684.4	681.2	655.7	3.2	28.7	0.5	4.4
Retail Trade	1,971.3	1,963.9	1,880.2	7.4	91.1	0.4	4.8
General Merchandise Stores	235.0	234.4	228.4	0.6	6.6	0.3	2.9
Food Stores	276.0	275.5	266.6	0.5	9.4	0.2	3.5
Other Retail Trade	1,460.3	1,454.0	1,385.2	6.3	75.1	0.4	5.4
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	716.6	714.1	702.7	2.5	13.9	0.4	2.0
Finance	355.6	353.9	348.1	1.7	7.5	0.5	2.2
Insurance Agents, Carriers, Brokers	191.5	191.0	186.6	0.5	4.9	0.3	2.6
Real Estate	151.4	151.0	150.4	0.4	1.0	0.3	0.7
Comb. Holding and Other Investment Co.	18.1	18.2	17.6	−0.1	0.5	−0.5	2.8
Services	2,649.1	2,640.7	2,557.5	8.4	91.6	0.3	3.6
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	155.9	154.3	143.1	1.6	12.8	1.0	8.9
Personal Services	120.8	120.4	112.5	0.4	8.3	0.3	7.4
Business Services	663.7	659.2	637.7	4.5	26.0	0.7	4.1
Auto and Misc. Repair Services	164.3	163.7	156.6	0.6	7.7	0.4	4.9
Motion Pictures	81.3	80.7	81.6	0.6	−0.3	0.7	−0.4
Amusement and Recreation Services	123.8	122.1	117.6	1.7	6.2	1.4	5.3
Health Services	625.7	626.0	617.1	−0.3	8.6	−0.0	1.4
Other Services	713.6	714.3	691.3	−0.7	22.3	−0.1	3.2
Government	1,634.1	1,665.6	1,623.8	−31.5	10.3	−1.9	0.6
Federal Government	340.2	340.4	333.8	−0.2	6.4	−0.1	1.9
State and Local Governments	1,293.9	1,325.2	1,290.0	−31.3	3.9	−2.4	0.3
County	234.0	236.6	227.3	−2.6	6.7	−1.1	2.9
City	208.5	208.9	200.7	−0.4	7.8	−0.2	3.9
Education	575.0	603.9	589.2	−28.9	−14.2	−4.8	−2.4
Education State	129.8	132.2	127.7	−2.4	2.1	−1.8	1.6
Education Local	445.2	471.7	461.5	−26.5	−16.3	−5.6	−3.5
Other State and Local	276.4	275.8	272.8	0.6	3.6	0.2	1.3
State exc ed	180.6	180.3	178.1	0.3	2.5	0.2	1.4
Special District	95.8	95.5	94.7	0.3	1.1	0.3	1.2
Total Agriculture	401.6	397.8	431.6	3.8	−30.0	1.0	−7.0

SOURCE: Employment Development Department, Employment Data and Research Division
NOTE: Current month's data are preliminary.

TABLE 5
MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES
JULY 1985

COUNTY	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	
			NUMBER	PERCENT*
STATE TOTAL	12,876,800	11,883,600	993,200	7.7
Alameda	595,775	552,175	43,600	7.3
Alpine	450	400	50	10.2
Amador	8,200	7,550	650	8.0
Butte	67,625	60,400	7,225	10.7
Calaveras	8,750	7,850	900	10.3
Colusa	8,575	7,775	800	9.2
Contra Costa	351,025	328,800	22,225	6.3
Del Norte	7,025	6,125	900	12.8
El Dorado	47,100	44,000	3,100	6.5
Fresno	299,700	266,300	33,400	11.2
Glenn	11,100	9,475	1,625	14.7
Humboldt	48,300	43,500	4,800	9.9
Imperial	47,450	28,200	19,250	40.6
Inyo	9,800	9,025	775	7.8
Kern	224,000	200,700	23,300	10.4
Kings	31,475	27,400	4,075	12.9
Lake	17,575	15,450	2,125	12.1
Lassen	8,875	8,050	825	9.2
Los Angeles	3,952,000	3,629,000	323,000	8.2
Madera	32,975	28,725	4,250	12.9
Marin	125,450	120,625	4,825	3.9
Mariposa	5,450	4,950	500	9.0
Mendocino	32,700	29,550	3,150	9.6
Merced	74,950	65,575	9,375	12.5
Modoc	5,175	4,800	375	7.3
Mono	5,075	4,600	475	9.3
Monterey	154,400	140,900	13,500	8.8
Napa	41,950	38,600	3,350	8.0
Nevada	23,875	21,925	1,950	8.2
Orange	1,328,600	1,270,200	58,400	4.4
Placer	63,500	59,000	4,500	7.0
Plumas	7,750	6,925	825	10.7
Riverside	298,500	268,200	30,300	10.2
Sacramento	418,600	388,200	30,400	7.3
San Benito	14,825	12,600	2,225	15.0
San Bernardino	390,900	362,200	28,700	7.3
San Diego	906,200	851,700	54,500	6.0
San Francisco	399,350	373,500	25,850	6.5
San Joaquin	185,200	161,700	23,500	12.7
San Luis Obispo	79,050	74,500	4,550	5.8
San Mateo	333,125	318,825	14,300	4.3
Santa Barbara	170,000	160,300	9,700	5.7
Santa Clara	900,200	845,500	54,700	6.1
Santa Cruz	105,500	96,400	9,100	8.6
Shasta	53,900	47,450	6,450	12.0
Sierra	1,125	975	150	12.9
Siskiyou	16,775	14,475	2,300	13.7
Solano	105,650	97,150	8,500	8.0
Sonoma	157,600	146,900	10,700	6.8
Stanislaus	143,900	121,700	22,200	15.5
Sutter	23,850	19,900	3,950	16.6
Tehama	16,050	14,075	1,975	12.3
Trinity	5,300	4,700	600	11.2
Tulare	128,400	110,950	17,450	13.6
Tuolumne	16,375	14,875	1,500	9.1
Ventura	279,400	255,200	24,200	8.7
Yolo	59,400	54,800	4,600	7.7
Yuba	21,300	18,375	2,925	13.7

*NOTE: Census ratios used in deriving these estimates are from the 1980 Census. Unemployment rate is based on unrounded data. Data not seasonally adjusted.